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**Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) An appliance, comprising:

- a controller and a receiver connected thereto and effective to receive a device identifier from a communications device;

- a network interface connectable to a relay server corresponding to the device identifier;

- the controller being programmed to:

- transmit data corresponding to the device identifier to the relay server, and

- receive a profile address in response from the relay server;

- the controller being further programmed to receive profile data from a profile server, based on the profile address.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein

- each of the first remote device and the second remote device correspond to a portable device.

8. (Canceled)

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9. (Previously presented) A method of controlling the operation of an appliance, comprising:

- receiving, at the appliance, first access data from memory of a first remote device, the first access data providing network access to first configuration data;

- receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the first configuration data via the network access;

- configuring the appliance to a first configuration based on the portion of the first configuration data;

- receiving, at the appliance, second access data to the appliance from a memory of a second remote device, the second access data providing network access to second configuration data;

- receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the second configuration data via the network access;

- reconfiguring the appliance to a second configuration based on the portion of the second configuration data,

- wherein:

- receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes:

- receiving first relay data responsive to a network server identified in the first access data, and

- receiving first profile data made accessible via the network access by the first relay data; and

- receiving at least the portion of the second configuration data includes:

- receiving second relay data responsive to a network server identified in the second access data, and

- receiving second profile data made accessible via the network access by the second relay data.

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10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein:  
each of the first and second remote devices corresponds to a radio frequency identification device.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein  
delivering the first and second access data includes co-locating the radio frequency identification device with the appliance.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein  
receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes  
receiving a portion of profile data including data relating to the appliance and data relating to another type of appliance.
14. (Previously presented) A method of controlling an appliance, comprising:  
receiving an address of a relay server from a remote device,  
transmitting a first request to the relay server,  
receiving an address of a profile server from the relay server, based on the first request,  
transmitting a second request to the profile server,  
receiving a profile from the profile server, based on the second request,  
and  
controlling the appliance in dependence upon the profile.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein  
the remote device is a radio-frequency identification device that transmits the address associated with the relay server.

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16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further including  
    receiving an address associated with an other relay server from another remote device,  
    transmitting a third request to the other relay server, based on the address associated with the other relay server,  
    receiving an address of an other profile server from the other relay server,  
    transmitting a fourth request to the other profile server, based on the address of the other profile server,  
    receiving an other profile from the other profile server, based on the fourth request, and  
    controlling the appliance in dependence upon the other profile.
17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein  
    the address includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) that is stored at the remote device.
18. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 5, wherein  
    the communications device is a wireless device that is remote from the appliance.
19. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 18, wherein  
    the device identifier includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) associated with the relay server.
20. (Previously presented) The appliance of claim 5, wherein  
    the controller is configured to determine an address of the relay server based on the device identifier.

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21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein  
reconfiguring the appliance includes creating a composite of the first  
profile data and the second profile data.
22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further including  
reconfiguring the appliance to the first configuration after removal of the  
second remote device from a vicinity of the appliance.
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, further including  
measuring a time duration after the removal of the second remote device,  
and  
wherein  
reconfiguring the appliance to the first configuration occurs when the time  
duration exceeds a predefined persistence period.
24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein  
the first access data includes a Uniform Resource Locator (URL)  
associated with a relay server.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein  
the second access data includes an other Uniform Resource Locator  
(URL) associated with an other relay server.

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